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# 13 INJURED IN LOCAL COLLISIONS

## Police Report None Critical

Sirens wailed long and ominously throughout Torrance during the past few days as police cars sped to the scene of accidents and ambulances arrived to cart away the injured.

In four days, Torrance officers reported 10 accidents, resulting in injuries to 13 persons.

Injuries were minor in most cases, and no critical cases were listed by local hospitals who received the injured persons.

Five of the accidents occurred on Tuesday.

Three-year-old Dennis Eugene Swanson, 4903 Lee St., received a possible concussion and numerous bruises and cuts

when he ran across the street and was hit by a car.

Driver of the car was Dora Marie Partins, 48, of 21306 Evalyn St., who was traveling east on Lee St. The youngster was taken to South Bay Emergency Hospital.

Arthur William Charron, 35, of 3332 W. 187th St., was treated by his family doctor following a three-car collision at Crenshaw Blvd. near 174th St.

Curtis Gray Spear, 52, of Los Angeles, and Max Simoff, 43, of Los Angeles, drivers of the other two cars, were stopped on Crenshaw at the intersection.

3-Year-Old Hurt

A 3-year-old girl was injured when the cars driven by Audrey LaVar Smith, 21, of 2330 W. 238th St., and Norman Gray Brill, 46, of Los Angeles, collided at Western Ave. near 190th St.

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## Herald Series To Give Facts On Gyp Artists

Are you a sucker? Have you purchased something from a door-to-door salesman only to discover after you bought it that you didn't want it or need it, that the merchandise was faulty, or that the price was much higher than you expected to pay?

Acting on complaints from several readers, THE HERALD has investigated some of the ways by which local residents have been smooth-talked into buying items which took their money, and in one case, a life.

HERALD Staff Writer Tom Rische has delved into the situation, discovered some of the ways that residents have been gypped and some of the ways by which they can protect themselves.

This provocative series of articles, entitled, "Don't Be A Sucker," will start in Sunday's HERALD.

## Interest Grows For Mexico Trip

Avid interest in the proposed Chamber of Commerce sponsored good will flight to Mexico next spring was reported by J. H. Paget, chairman, at the board of directors meeting Monday.

Already, according to Paget, many persons have expressed interest in making early reservations and to participate in the special events planned during the visit to several Mexican cities including Mexico City and Acapulco. The trip will be made on two regularly scheduled Western Airlines planes under the sponsorship of Garcia Tours. The all-expense charge will be \$279 per person for couples and \$309 for single individuals.

Staff Named  
All past presidents of the association, plus Hamilton Black, former Planning commissioner, and Frank Forve, attorney, have been named to

## Council Acts On Rezoning Beach Area

Despite requests by Don-Jar-Ran representatives that the matter be delayed, the city council voted unanimously this week to rezone a huge section of beach property from R-4 (unlimited multiple dwellings) to R-1 (single family residences).

Culmination of a dispute between the city and backers of a proposed hotel-motel project, the rezoning was ordered after the council had heard from several Riviera spokesmen and Franklin W. Peck, representing the land owners, asked for continuance. The continuance was refused.

Peck said later his clients probably would seek court relief from the rezoning order. The dispute started several months ago when plans for a hotel proposed for the site were termed by councilmen as a motel, not a hotel as originally proposed.

The land had been zoned R-3 (limited multiple residences) for several years prior to a rezoning to R-4 last year.

Judge Will Take Office  
Torrance Attorney Donald Armstrong will be sworn in as a municipal judge of the South Bay Municipal Court in ceremonies at the Torrance City Hall next Monday at noon.

Judge Paul McCormick, former district court judge, will officiate at the ceremony.

## HERALD'S NEW PRESS GOES INTO OPERATION

A new milestone in the HERALD'S 43-year history was attained Sunday when the first edition rolled from the newly installed 64-page multi-color rotary press.

Aside from anticipated stops for adjustments, the Sunday HERALD was produced on schedule and almost without incident. The event culminated several months of work by concrete men, carpenters, press erectors, machinists, riggers, electricians and sundry helpers.

Pressman Bob Davies and his crew started the first run on schedule. On hand were President Jerome Feldman of Newspaper Services, Inc. and a team of experts standing by for any of the many emergencies always expected on first runs.

During the next several weeks full facilities of the versatile press will be brought into use and THE HERALD will be equipped to expand with the growing Torrance area for many years to come.

## Area Youth Center Heads North Torrance Projects

Plans for a youth-adult recreation building in north Torrance top the list of projects to be pushed by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. this year, John G. L. Crain, newly elected president, declared Monday.

Outlining his plans for the coming year, the new president pointed out that as acting president, he had appointed a committee to investigate land available for the building. There now is more than \$3000 in the NTCIA building fund, he reported, and the group hopes to be able to acquire a site soon.

Important Work  
Crain said that the most im-

## Hangar Policies For Airport Get City's Approval

In a session marked by heated discussion, gavel pounding, and calls for order, the city council this week thrashed out a series of policy matters governing private leases on the city-owned airport.

Decisions of the council on the matters came after Councilman Willys G. Blount and Acting Mayor Bob Jahn became engaged in sharp exchanges touched off over the policy of dispensing aircraft fuel on the airport.

Among the matters settled was a decision to proceed with ground leases for individual hangars at \$15 a month for a 30-ft. by 30-ft. space for a 10-year period. All hangars are to be of metal construction, and of new material, the council ruled.

No decision of the fuel dispensing dispute was reached, and a motion by Blount that a Vegas Air be ordered to halt fuel dispensing or that the whole airport be opened to private fuel service was defeated.

## Rivets Reports

Today will be a good day for the kiddies to start back to school, according to THE HERALD weather dog, Rivets. There may be a little early morning fog, but the day should be warm and sunny with a high about 80.

Temperatures this week include Sunday (82-83); Monday (77-84); Tuesday (74-82) and Wednesday (75-82).



SUNNY



WILLIAM BROTHERTON  
To Speak for Ryan

## Ryan Manager To Get 'Key' To Torrance

Ryan Aeronautical Co. will be officially welcomed to Torrance at the monthly membership breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Sept. 17th, at the YWCA Building, 2320 Carson St., starting at 7:30 a.m. It was announced today by Co-chairmen John A. Ebbinghouse and Sy Frank.

Ryan, one of the nation's oldest and most respected aircraft companies, moved to Torrance recently and will produce the "Firebee," a pilotless jet plane. Acting Mayor Robert B. Jahn will present the "key" to the city to G. W. Rutherford, works manager of the Torrance plant at Ryan.

William P. Brotherton, public relations manager, will be the featured speaker and will show a 15-minute film on the revolutionary new "Firebee." The young executive, a veteran of over 20 years in sales and advertising, has an imposing background of civic service, ranging from directorships of Community Chest and Red Cross to president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations for the meeting may be secured by calling the Chamber of Commerce office.

## First South High Class to Meet

Things will be quieter around a lot of Torrance homes today as some 21,300 children head back to school after summer vacations.

The enrollment this fall will be the biggest ever, as it is every year. It represents an increase of about 4000 over September, 1956.

An estimated 3775 high school and 17,804 elementary students will go back to the

books today. This reflects an increase of 870 high schoolers and 3150 elementary students. Some 6300 students will be on double sessions.

### School to Open

Opening its doors for the first time will be Parkway Elementary School, Palos Verdes Blvd. and Calle Miramar. Completed shortly before school closed in June, it has not yet been used.

Also opening for the first time, but not in its own buildings, will be South High School. Due to a strike, the new campus was not completed and until later this year SHS students will use the second floor of Torrance Elementary School and part of the Torrance High campus. North High will be on a staggered schedule—that is, students will attend classes six out of seven periods per day.

Enrollment forecasts Predicted high school enrollments are: North High, 1824; Torrance High, 1126, and South High, 825.

At elementary schools, enrollment is expected about as follows:

Seaside, 1222; Casimir, 1113; Meadow Park, 1085; Carr, 991; Perry, 918; Wood, 902; Fern-Greenwood, 892; Crenshaw, 860; Edison, 856; Steele, 844; Arlington, 793; Torrance Elementary, 793; Riviera, 779; Walters, 772; Madrona, 695; Newton, 685; Sepulveda, 685; Hillside, 637; Parkway, 632; Flavian, 608; Anza, 591, and El Nido, 284.

Anza, El Nido, Fern-Greenwood, Newton, and Parkway Schools will be free of double sessions this year.

Some 800 teachers will greet students today, with some 175 of them new to the district.

## Man Killed, 2nd Hurt in Car Accident

One Lomita man remains in serious condition after the crash of a sports car which claimed the life of its driver early Friday.

James A. Jeter, 19, 2037 W. 242nd St., Lomita, was a passenger in the sports car, which officers said had been traveling at speeds up to 110 miles per hour. The crash occurred on Western Ave. near Codrington St. in San Pedro.

The driver, George W. Wilson, 24, 25515 Lucille St., was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival at a hospital.

California Highway Patrolmen said the sports car careened off Western Ave., overturned three times, ripped out 100 feet of chain link fence, disintegrating with each bounce.

Skid marks leading to the accident scene measured 480 feet. Western Ave. curves upward at that stretch, patrolmen reported. They blamed the curve, the fog, and "excessive speed" as causes of the mishap.

### 21 Cases of Beer Stolen From Truck

Police today were searching for the person who took 21 cases of beer from a parked delivery truck Tuesday.

Leslie C. Mohr, 826 Felbar Ave., reported the theft. The truck was parked on Felbar during the night.



GOODBYE, PLAYMATES . . . Some children are sad because they have to go to school today, but 4-year-old Tim DeLong is sad because he can't go. He'll be losing his playmates—sister Charlene, 9, and brother Dick, 7, who will attend Seaside School. In another year, however, he won't be left behind. The children's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeLong, 22916 Carlow Rd.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

The Torrance HERALD'S inquiring photographer this week decided to find out how local residents feel about major league baseball:

"In view of the tussle between Los Angeles and New York over the Dodgers, should Los Angeles forget about the Dodgers and go after some other major league team?"

C. A. Pinkham, 824 Borbonia Janitor: "I do, yes. I don't think they will get them anyway. I would like to see any big league team come out here."

W. J. Drillo, 1639 1/2 Cavallero Ave., Janitor: "Yes, I think they should forget them, that is the way I look at it. Cincinnati would be my choice. I think they have a good team, good hitters, and good players."

Rudolph Fria, 658 14th St. San Pedro commercial fisherman: "No, they should not forget the Dodgers. They are a great team. It would mean a big business for Los Angeles and besides, New York is tired of seeing the same old teams. It would be something new in Los Angeles for the people to go to."

3814 Buxton Pl., San Pedro, shipping clerk: "It looks like they will have to forget them. Any team would be all right with me. They are all good teams, just so we get major leagues here."

Peggy Rynh, 1907 Highland, registrar: "Yes, I do. I think they should have an American League team as well as a National team on the West Coast. I would like to see the Yankees come out here."

Rickard, 1577 W. 210th St., homemaker: "Yes, I do. Los Angeles is a major city and I think they should have a major baseball team too. The Detroit Tigers are my favorites."

Fire in Sump Causes Smoke, Little Damage  
A fire in an oil sump near Valerie and Spencer sent huge clouds of black smoke billowing over west Torrance yesterday afternoon but caused little actual damage.

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